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TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 Cedar Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Department of Human Services



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Director

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Dear Neighbor,

Each year, the Newington Department of Human Services reaches out to our loyal neighbors for donations in support of our various programs serving residents in need. While our present focus is the Holiday Food, Toy and Gift Program and Food Bank; **the economic crisis is causing a major increase in need for support of the Special Needs Fund which assists residents throughout the year. These funds help Newington seniors, adults and families facing great financial hardship with emergency basic needs such as heat, utilities, housing, and medical expenses when no other option exists.**

We continue to appeal to your community spirit to help us provide a happier holiday for less fortunate residents. Food, toys and gifts are distributed to a variety of households comprised of children, adults, elderly, people with disabilities and the homebound.

We would appreciate financial contributions, whenever possible. This money allows us to purchase specific items that we do not receive in food donations and reduces the space needed for storage.

It is extremely helpful to receive monetary donations for the Holiday Programs/Special Needs Fund by early November, so we may purchase necessary items. Please make checks payable to the Town of Newington Department of Human Services and mail to 131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111.

If you would like to donate food, toy or gift items, please contact Human Services for further detail. **Contact Human Services to coordinate and schedule holiday donation drop-offs. This will insure staff and/or volunteers anticipate and assist you, when necessary.** Food donations will be accepted Monday, November 2 – Wednesday, November 18th with November 19th as Thanksgiving Distribution Day. Donated holiday gifts and toys will be accepted from Monday, November 30th through Friday, December 11th. Gift Distribution will be the week of December 14th, so we really need them by December 11th.

Volunteers are also a vital component to this program. Individuals and groups may also participate in our **“Sponsor A Household Program”**-where you purchase specific gift requests for a specific household. Please call us if you can help in any way. Due to the generosity of the community, over 300 households enjoyed a brighter holiday last year. If you are interested in volunteering we will have a meeting on Wednesday, October 7th, 5:30-6:30pm in the Newington Town Hall Curtis Ambler Room (Room 3 by the Building Dept.) A light supper will be provided. Please RSVP to Karen Futoma at 665-8596.

If you have specific questions about our Holiday Program, Food Bank or Special Needs Fund or would like further information, please feel free to contact Coordinator, Karen Futoma at 665-8596. Informational presentations may be arranged for your organization as well. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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